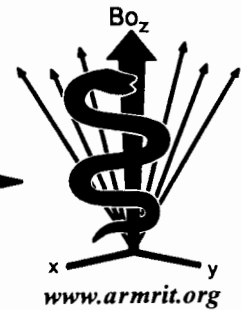
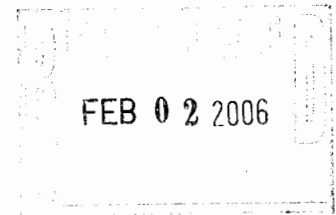




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**Re: CERTIFICATE OF NEED (CON) REVIEW STANDARDS FOR MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING (MRI) SERVICES, SECTION 12, PAGE 12 OF 20, PART (C) "An MRI Technologist who is registered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technicians and has, or will have within 36 months of the effective date of these standards or the date a technologist is employed by an MRI service, whichever is later, special certification in MRI. If a technologist does not have special certification in MRI within either of the 3-year periods of time, all continuing education requirements shall be in the area of MRI services.**

Chairman of Review Committee:

I write to ask that your committee consider ARMRIT as an official certifying body of MRI technology in the State of Ohio. I had an initial telephone dialogue with Mr. Matt Jordan of the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services on January 25, 2006, and he has pointed me to your committee. Accordingly I write and submit data for such meritorious inclusion.

Allow me to introduce the American Registry of Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists (ARMRIT), a New York State Not-for-Profit certifying body which was founded in 1991. As a National Professional Organization ARMRIT certifies members who have met its established criteria, and who work in MRI facilities at Hospitals and non-hospital settings that may be free-standing. To date it has certified technologists in 44 states, including Puerto Rico and Guam and more recently MRI Technologists in Canada, Asia and the Middle East.

The ARMRIT is a member organization of the National Organization of Competency Assurance (NOCA) and the examination it renders is recommended for college-level credit by the American Council on Education (ACE), it is recognized and approved by the Veterans Administration Medical Imaging Department which established the policy of reimbursing the associated application and exam fees of its members.

More recently, the Department of Health of the State of Ohio has officially included ARMRIT as a recognized certifying body for MRI Technologists.

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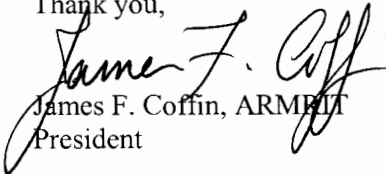
The computerized examination is administered by LaserGrade Computer Testing, from Vancouver, Washington. LaserGrade has over 700 testing sites nationally and internationally, and the results are graded and a hard copy is made available immediately to each candidate upon completion of the exam, LaserGrade also provides evaluation of the on-going psychometric data used by ARMIRIT.

MRI, like Ultrasonography, another imaging modality, does not use 'Ionizing Radiation', hence it does not necessarily fall under generally accepted regulations applicable to Radiography. Accordingly, there are no Federal or State regulations governing MRI Technologists specifically. Certification is highly recommended however, by Insurance Providers and required by most MRI Employers. ARMIRIT is the first MRI Registry certification that required specific MRI education, in-depth clinical training and experience.

Moreover, the genesis of ARMIRIT is to offer an alternative venue to qualified MRI Technologists, who opted to train specifically in MRI technology without undergoing a Radiology oriented or background. That said ARMIRIT does not however preclude ARRT technologists to take the Registry certification exam, provided the ARMIRIT criteria for said candidates are met. In fact a significant number of its current members have ARRT background.

Appended are data regarding ARMIRIT's history and requirements for your review and perusal. I look forward to your early and kind response.

Thank you,

  
James F. Coffin, ARMIRIT  
President

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